GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ROAD NETWORK IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to meet the deficiency of road network in J&K, especially in Kathua, Udhampur and Doda Districts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a)&(b) This Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. J&K has three National Highways, NH-1A, NH-1B and NH-1C.

The NH-1A from Punjab/J&K Border to Srinagar in J&K and passing through Srinagar, Khanabal, Banihar, Batote, Udhampur, Kunjwani, Vijaypur, Kathua and Pathankot is targeted for four laning as a part of North-South Corridor by December 2007. NH-1B passing through district Doda and NH-1C connecting Domel and Katra passing through Udhampur District are being widened to two-lane facility in a phased manner depending on the availability of resources and inter-se- priority of projects. Improvement and development of other roads in J&K is not the responsibility of this Ministry; however 12 works amounting to Rs.35.37 crores have been sanctioned during last 3 years under Central Road Fund in the Kathua, Udhampur & Doda Districts of J&K to assist J&K Government to improve State roads.